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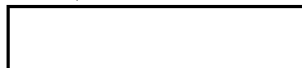
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OSI Paper on Russian Scientific Literature Problem

1. Attached is a memo from OSI on the "Russian Scientific Literature Problem" which appears to be a result of the conversation we had with [redacted] There are also various attachments, including a proposed NSCID and the Turkevitch report. 25X1A

2. I am attaching [redacted] comments and would like to have yours. After you have had time to digest [redacted] study, we can get together with OSI and discuss it, preferably early next week. 25X1A 25X1A



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As usual, OSI has extended its thinking on this subject outside its scientific field: parts of the study would therefore apply to fields of interest of ORR, State, and other agencies. The dreadful mistakes made by OSI in the preparation of its paper are therefore:

1. The National Science Foundation proposal and the Presidential Order would cover all foreign scientific literature, not just Russian ("openly acquired" ought to be understood, but omitted from the Executive Order, for obvious reasons) but would not solve the equally pressing problem of non-scientific publications, which would have to be done by the CIA, Library of Congress or some other Agency, for foreign economic, political, and other publications of interest to academic and research agencies.
2. The OSI draft of an NSCID would cover all Russian literature (both scientific and non-scientific) but would give CIA no authority to exploit Far Eastern, Satellite, or other foreign language publications. It would tie us in with the National Science Foundation on Russian and all other foreign scientific stuff, but not with the Library of Congress or State or anyone else on foreign non-scientific material.
3. The NSCID implies that CIA will cover Russian literature for the intelligence purposes of all the IAC agencies; the staff study puts the "exploitation" responsibility into the "research office concerned" and the indexing job in the CIA Library. This would mean that ORR would have to exploit the Russian economic publications needed by OIR/State, and the Russian railway publications needed by Army, etc.—and that OCI or some other CIA Office would have to take on political and military material. Although the NSCID presupposes that the National Science Foundation will allocate or do all the open scientific literature, it does not indicate that another non-intelligence agency will perform a similar function with respect to open non-scientific publications. In view of the "Periodical Abstracts" incident and the reaction of the other scientific intelligence agencies, it also seems unlikely that the latter will want to depend on OSI to give them the raw information they need from USSR sources. OSI would reply to this argument that the National Science Foundation would do the general pure-science open material and that each research agency would exploit its particular applied-research stuff and classified material. But Army doesn't have either money or linguists enough to do this.

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